

Church of St. Sebastian
August 30, 2015 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, August 29, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 30, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Installation Mass of Msgr. Montecalvo
For the Parishioners

Monday, August 31, Weekday

7:00 am Yolanda Spillare

Tuesday, September 1, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Wednesday, September 2, Weekday

7:00 am Dorothy Roberts

**Thursday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 am Mass

Friday, September 4, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend's Masses

Saturday, September 5, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 6, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Marie Daniels, 10th anniversary
-requested by her nephew Ralph

11:00 am Kathleen Annarummo
-requested by John and Mary Cappelli

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

August 23, 2015

# of Budget Envelopes Used This Week	82
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 3,222.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 553.00
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,775.00

*Let us pray for the repose of the soul of
Dorothy Roberts*

*whose love for our parish was shown in a
bequest to St. Sebastian Church.*

*We remember her in gratitude and offer
Wednesday's 7:00 am Mass for her this week.
May she rest in the peace of the Lord.*

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I would like to share a few more thoughts about the Mass. Vatican II teaches us that the Mass is the summit of the Church's prayer life. You and I can pray any time we want. As a matter of fact a person should pray (must pray) at home. But how we pray at home prepares us to pray and worship in our parish church. When we pray at home we enter into private prayer. Our prayer at home is personal and one dimensional.

But prayer at Mass is much more. The Mass as instituted by Jesus is public. We pray in community with other faith filled believers. Many things happen at Mass. We begin by seeking forgiveness for our sins; we are inspired by the readings of Sacred Scripture. The priest's homily is meant to inspire you to lead a more Christian life. We offer ourselves to the Lord, witness the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, and reach out with a gesture of peace to our brothers and sisters. We receive the Body and Blood of Jesus and are challenged and empowered to bring the presence of Jesus into our communities and our world!

We attend Mass every Saturday night or Sunday morning not merely because we have to (a moral obligation since the 4th century) but because it is our privilege. We should view the Mass as valuable time we spend with our loving God alongside fellow believers. Attending Mass helps us to understand that we are part of the worshipping Body of Christ and our presence builds us the Body of Christ.

We have the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of Christ during the celebration of Mass. Through the Sacrament of Ordination a priest (during the Eucharistic Prayer) transforms our simple gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Church calls this action transubstantiation. I call this action a mystery. God allows the appearance of bread and wine to remain the same but God changes the substance of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of His Son Jesus.

We have the privilege of receiving Jesus. Why wouldn't we be at Mass every weekend? There is nothing more important.

Have a blessed week,
Monsignor Montecalvo

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Names of friends, family, and fellow parishioners for whom prayers are asked will be listed monthly. If you would like a person included in this month's Prayers for the Sick please call the rectory. **John Haddad, Bob, and Deborah Bessette.**

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1915 ~ Celebrating 100 Years of Faith ~ 2015

100TH ANNIVERSARY - FORMER PARISHIONERS

The 100th Anniversary Committee needs your help in gathering addresses of former parishioners to whom we can mail invitations.. If you know of any former parishioners who you would like to receive an invitation, please forward their name and address to the Rectory. Thanks so much of your help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

TEACHERS: The Religious Education program is currently looking for teachers for Grades 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10. If you are interested in teaching any of these grades, please contact Ms. Marie, Religious Education Coordinator at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com or at 401-272-6062 and she will return your email or phone call. Grade 4 meets Mondays from 3:30 to 4:45 pm, Grades 7 and 8 meet Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 am, and Grades 9 and 10 meet Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please join us in sharing your faith with our children through this great ministry.

REGISTRATION: Registrations are now being accepted for CCD classes for the 2015-2016 year. The forms may be found on the parish website. Please use the New Student Registration or the Returning Student Registration form as appropriate. Mail the completed registration along with a check for the registration fee, to the Rectory 67 Cole Avenue, Providence RI 02906
Attn: Marie Brito.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14TH

Mondays, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm. All children 5 years or older are welcome and encouraged to participate! Please see the Saint Sebastian Children's Choir website for complete schedule and director contact information.

<http://stsebastianchildrenschoir.weebly.com/>

Thanks so much for your time, Kristen and Marcie

EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE GROCERY RECEIPTS

St. Sebastian's receives 1% of the total amount that parishioners spend at Eastside Marketplace, but only if you turn in your receipts. The amount adds up quickly. This is a great way we as an entire parish can help the Outreach Committee. In the past we used the money to help fund our charitable outreach to St. Patrick's parish.



CHURCH OF SAINT SEBASTIAN
100TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

On **October 17th, 2015**, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish! The 5 pm Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Salvatore Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and Rev. Robert Randall, homilist. A dinner dance will follow at Wannamoisett Country Club in Rumford.

Tickets are \$50 per person, reservations are now being accepted. Come join the celebration!

URGENT NEWS CONCERNING THE ADULT CHOIR

The choir is in desperate need of new members. This year we will start rehearsals at a more convenient time for all. We will rehearse on Sunday mornings from 10 o'clock to 10:45 am, followed by singing at the 11 am Mass.

Unfortunately if we do not get a good response from church members we will be forced to resort to having cantors only at all three weekend Masses.

If you can help please see Bill Cooper after any Mass on weekends. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Upcoming dates are September 1st and 15th, and October 6th and 20th. If you are aware of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please call the rectory.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office if they or a family member would like a pastoral visit from Msgr. Montecalvo at the hospital, nursing home, or at home for those who are homebound. Hospitals no longer inform houses of worship of the admission of patients due to the laws protecting the right to privacy.